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MR. HARRIS: Thank you, again. Tom Harris with the Alaska Village Initiatives. Wanted to add one other item. We are very interested in the work that is being done on biomass power generation. This is an enormous opportunity to help sustain communities. This system -- the work that has been done out there by the agencies has put forward a model that puts -- actually displaces 140 to \$200,000 a year in small community power systems. This is a critical aspect of supporting water plants, community facilities, schools, and having biomass fuel farms around the communities will also help produce wildlife habitat and protect the communities from fire. So with that in mind, we encourage the agency to work with Department of Interior, Department of Energy on utilizing biomass gasification systems for communities. And for the record, I'll leave a package here that we have, data that has been brought to our attention. Thank you very much.

MR. BELCOURT: Ross, all of our comments that we had in our meeting yesterday, all the region papers, those are going to be transmitted for the record; right?

MR RACINE: Yes.